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Chairman Peter A. DeFazio Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure 2165 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Ranking Member Sam Graves Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure 2165 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for an extension of IL-76 in the surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is the City of Belvidere Public Works Department and the project is located in Belvidere, Illinois, 61008.

The funding is designated for construction of a new road beginning at the intersection of US Business Route 20 extending straight south to the UP Railroad lines then turn west to follow the railroad line and then turn south to connect to the intersection of Irene Road and US Route 20.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and has been on the County's long-range plan for several years. Completion of the project would help encourage economic growth in the Belvidere region. The construction of this roadway was a selling point to the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority to construct the I-90 ramps on Irene Road. IDOT purchased the right-of-way between US Business Route 20 and Newburg Road many years ago as a possible alignment for the Belvidere By-Pass road system. Right-of-Way south of Newburg Road would be needed. The project consists of a new two-lane road, two structures, and three intersection improvements. The County would request funding for the various engineering phases and right-of-way.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and your continued leadership of the Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure. I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Adam Kinzinger Member of Congress